



**Resolution # HSRA 15-13**

**Approval to Award Contract for Habitat Mitigation Services**

**Whereas**, under the California High-Speed Rail Act, the California High-Speed Rail Authority is responsible for planning, constructing, and operation of an intercity high-speed passenger train network that is fully integrated with the State's existing intercity transportation services [Pub. Util. Code §§ 185030, 185031];

**Whereas**, pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 185024, the Authority has appointed an Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who, subject to the direction of the Authority, has charge of administrating the affairs of the Authority;

**Whereas**, it is necessary to obtain permits and approvals from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the State Water Resources Control Board ("regulatory agencies") to construct the high-speed rail system between Fresno and Bakersfield; and,

**Whereas**, the completion of the scope of work in the contract for Habitat Mitigation Services is necessary to fulfill regulatory requirements that are necessary preconditions to the regulatory agencies issuing permits and approvals.

**Therefore, it is resolved:**

The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer, or a designee of the Chief Executive Officer, to undertake all that is necessary to finalize and execute a contract for Habitat Mitigation Services with Westervelt Ecological Services in the amount of \$48,895,000.00 with a term of five (5) years.

Vote: 5-0  
Yes: Correa; Curtin; Perez-Estolano; Richard; Richards  
No: N/A  
Absent: Rossi; Schenk; Selby  
Date: 6/9/2015

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